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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "ANTIDUMPING ACT OF 1921."

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY GAO OF THE SUBJECT
REVIEW, WHICH HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY SENATORS BAYH, GLENN,
HEINZ, METZENBAUM AND RANDOLPH.

2. THE OVERSEAS WORK IS MOTIVATED BY THE TWO BROAD
OBJECTIVES OF EXAMINING THE ADEQUACY OF LEGISLATION AND
ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES. GAO WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE
PROBLEMS THAT THE LEGISLATION AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION HAS
POSED FOR FOREIGN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, THE HOST COUNTRY
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AND US EMBASSY OFFICIALS. COMPARISONS WILL BE MADE WITH
HOST COUNTRY LEGISLATION AND IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES AND
ALSO THE ANTIDUMPING CODE UNDER GATT. GAO PLANS TO
REPORT RESULTS FROM THIS STUDY TO THE CONGRESS IN
NOVEMBER 1978.

3. CONTACTS ARE DESIRED WITH EMBASSY AND HOST GOVERNMENT

OFFICIALS WHO BECOME INVOLVED OR AFFECTED BY THE US

LEGISLATION. CONTACTS ARE ALSO DESIRED WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING HOST COUNTRY ANTIDUMPING LEGISLATION.

4. GAO WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FIRMS THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN U.S. ANTIDUMPING ACTIONS THE PROBLEMS THEY SEE IN US LEGISLATION, THEIR VIEWS ON HOW LEGISLATION MIGHT BE IMPROVED AND HOW ANTIDUMPING ACTIONS AFFECT THEIR EXPORTING PRACTICES. FOR EXAMPLE, ARE EXPORT QUANTITIES REDUCED, PRICES RAISED, OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN, ETC.

5. IN ADDITION, GAO WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH CUSTOMS ATTACHES, TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, AND WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICER OF THE FOLLOWING FIRMS:

1. HUDSON'S BAY OIL AND GAS COMPANY LTD.

-- CALGARY, ALBERTA

2. GULF OIL CANADIAN LTD.

-- TORONTO, ONTARIO

3. CANADIAN SUPERIOR OIL LTD.

-- CALGARY, ALBERTA

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4. NORANDA LTD.

-- TORONTO, ONTARIO

5. COMINCO LTD.

-- VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

6. GENERAL WIRE AND CABLE COMPANY LTD.

-- COBOURG, ONTARIO

7. CANADIAN OCCIDENTIAL PETROLEUM LTD.

-- CALGARY, ALBERTA

8. SHELL CANADA LTD.

-- TORONTO, ONTARIO

9. DOMINION FENCE AND WIRE PRODUCTS LTD.

-- BRAMALEA, ONTARIO

10. AMOCO CANADIAN PETROLEUM COMPANY LTD.

-- CALGARY, ALBERTA

11. CHEVRON STANDARD LTD.

-- CALGARY, ALBERTA

6. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING REQUESTED
APPOINTMENTS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

7. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH GAO IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE GUIDELINES IN 4 FAM 930-934. GAO IS AWARE THAT
CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE AT THE
DISCRETION OF THE AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY THE
EMBASSY, AND AN EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY, IF FEASIBLE.

8. GAO WORK IN CANADA WOULD BE CARRIED OUT DURING THE
PERIOD MAY 15 - JUNE 2 BY MESSRS. EDWARD DUTCHER AND
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JAMES LEE. DEPARTMENT CERTIFIES THAT MR. DUTCHER HOLDS
A CURRENT TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCE AND MR. LEE A
CURRENT SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCE.

FYI. GAO WASHINGTON REPS HAVE BEEN BRIEFED BY
DEPARTMENT/EB, TREASURY AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE
COMMISSION. VANCE

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